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An infamous day. A search for answers. Will America tune in?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a time of agonizing over other things, the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol — and democracy itself — returns in sharp focus as a special House committee opens hearings this week on the insurrection and Donald Trump's part in it. Will Americans care?

The committee's aggressive investigation is producing a spool of plot lines that together will tell the tale of a violent uprising fueled by the venom and lies of a defeated president.

But Americans are processing the nightmare of the slaughter of children in Texas, the racist murders in Buffalo, New York, and the other numbingly repeated scenes of carnage in the United States.

They're contending with what feels like highway robbery at the gas pump, nagged by a virus the

world can't shake and split into two hostile camps over politics and culture — the twin pillars of the nation's very foundation.

And they've already been through the wringer on all things Trump.

Beginning in prime time on Thursday, the committee is setting out to establish the historical record of an event damaging not only to a community or individual families but to the collective idea of democracy itself.

After more than 100 subpoenas, 1,000 interviews and 100,000 documents, the committee promises to tell a story for the ages.

Dozens of the insurrectionists have been brought to justice. But the committee's goal is larger: Who in a position of power should also be held to account?

There are so many layers of inquiry.

Did Vice President Mike Pence refuse to leave the



Police with guns drawn watch as rioters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington.

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besieged Capitol because he suspected the Secret Service at the behest of Trump was trying to take him away to stop him from certifying Joe Biden's victo-

ry? Did Trump flush incriminating papers down the White House toilet? One aim: to establish whether Trump's acts are criminal, as one judge has

mused they may be, and whether that might mean prosecution of an ex-president.

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More broadly, the effort addresses who might be punished in the large circle of Trump enablers. Some of them are lawmakers who sided with his effort to overturn an honest election only to huddle in fear with everyone else in a Capitol hideout when the rioters swarmed the Capitol in service of that goal.

Rep. Jamie Raskin, a Maryland Democrat on the committee, set high expectations as the panel tries to renew interest in machinations that are nearly 18 months in the rearview mirror. The hazards in that mirror are closer than they appear, as committee members see it.

"The hearings will tell a story that will really blow the roof off the House," Raskin said in April. "Because it is a story of the most heinous and dastardly political offense ever organized by a president and his followers and his entourage in the history of the United States."

That offense? "An inside coup" coupled with a violent attack by "neo-fascists," he said.

Trump is not expected at any of the hearings, but his words and actions will hang heavy over the proceedings as lawmakers look to place him at the center of the chaos. It seems highly plausible he will find a way to rail against them that



Dust and a gas mask are visible on the ground in the early morning hours of Jan. 7, 2021, after violent insurrectionists stormed the Capitol in Washington.

does not involve being under oath. The panel, free from the burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt standard, is likely to try to show that the riot was not a spontaneous gathering but part of a broader conspiracy.

Yet much is already known because the attack played out on TV and Trump exhorted supporters to "fight like hell" in shouts for the world to hear.

"In quieter times, the hearings would have a stronger hold on public attention," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsyl-

vania. "But, as is, they will be competing for attention with topics with greater immediate relevance in our lives."

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"If the hearings are to do anything other than reinforce our existing political biases," Jamieson said, "they will have to reveal previously covered-up goings-on that threatened something that Democrats, independents and most

Republicans can agree should be sacrosanct."

Seven Democrats and two Republicans make up the panel. Among them is Rep. Liz Cheney, the deeply conservative but fiercely independent Wyoming lawmaker who is practically alone in the GOP in assailing Trump while also seeking reelection to Congress. Once an embodiment of the Republican establishment, she is now a renegade in a new order dominated by Trump, who wants her unseated in her primary in August.

Dartmouth College historian Matthew Delmont said Jan. 6 cast such an omi-

nous shadow that he expects Americans, for all of their preoccupations, to be drawn to the inquiry.

"They want to understand how our democracy reached this precipice," he said. Jan. 6 shares certain distinctions with other traumas of history. As with 9/11, you can shorthand the date and people know. Like Watergate, it speaks to corrupt acts in the highest office. The attack brought so much visceral shock that many people remember where they were and what they were doing when they saw it.

To the far right, the historical analogy is the Boston Tea Party, with liberals, Democrats and the Washington establishment as the redcoats.

Trump-friendly Republicans sanitized what happened that day, once the shock that nearly all felt on Jan. 6 subsided. In measurements of public opinion, Republican voters in the main said they believe the 2020 election was rigged, when by all measures — the courts, nonpartisan and even Republican state officials, and the Trump administration's own election monitors — the election was purely fair. Trump won the 2016 election with a minority of voters, lost the House to the Democrats in 2018 and lost in 2020 by a decisive margin — not a glowing electoral record. □

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Jill Biden helps unveil postage stamp honoring Nancy Reagan



First lady Jill Biden greets Mrs. Reagan's niece Anne Peterson, left, in front of a newly unveiled U.S. Postal Service stamp of former first lady Nancy Reagan in the East Room of the White House, Monday, June 6, 2022, in Washington.

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By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Jill Biden on Monday praised Nancy Reagan as a first lady who "made such a difference," as the current first lady hosted the unveiling of a new U.S. postage stamp honoring a woman who held the role 40 years before Biden stepped into it. The issuance by the U.S. Postal Service of a forever first-class stamp bearing Nancy Reagan's image is part of a yearlong commemoration of the former first lady's centennial by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. At a White House cer-

emony, Biden talked about the "incredible platform" first ladies gain to serve the people after "we're just sort of thrust into the national spotlight in a way that I know none of us could have anticipated."

"First lady Nancy Reagan served the American people with grace," Biden said. "She understood that the role of first lady came with inherent pitfalls and scrutiny, yet she found the humanity in it all. She knew the potential of this role." "Next month would have been her 101st birthday," Biden continued. "And with

this stamp we are affirming that she made such a difference." Nancy Reagan was born on July 6, 1921.

Fred Ryan, a White House aide to President Ronald Reagan, said the former first lady advocated for foster grandparents, championed the arts, and restored and remodeled parts of the White House. She is also remembered for her "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign, for undergoing a mastectomy after her breast cancer diagnosis during the Reagan presidency and a fierce devotion to her husband. □

Biden orders emergency steps to boost U.S. solar production

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden ordered emergency measures Monday to boost crucial supplies to U.S. solar manufacturers and declared a two-year tariff exemption on solar panels from Southeast Asia as he attempted to jumpstart progress toward his climate change-fighting goals.

His invoking of the Defense Production Act and his other executive actions come amid complaints by industry groups that the solar sector is being slowed by supply chain problems due to a Commerce Department inquiry into possible trade violations involving Chinese products. Word of the White House's actions caused solar energy companies to gain ground on Wall Street.

The Commerce Department announced in March that it was scrutinizing imports of solar panels from Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Cambodia, concerned that products from those countries are skirting U.S. anti-dumping rules that limit imports from China.

Asked at the White House if Biden's pause in tariffs was not a gift to China, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said he was invoking the Defense Production Act, "to make sure that he's delivering for the American



Farmland is seen with solar panels from Cypress Creek Renewables, Oct. 28, 2021, in Thurmont, Md.

people."

"He is putting the full force of the federal government behind supporting American clean energy producers," Jean-Pierre said.

White House officials said Biden's actions aim to increase domestic production of solar panel parts, building installation materials, high-efficiency heat pumps and other components including cells used for clean-energy generated fuels. They called the tariff suspension affecting imports from Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and Cambodia a bridge measure while other efforts increase

domestic solar power production — even as the administration remains supportive of U.S. trade laws and the Commerce Department investigation.

Commerce Department Secretary Gina Raimondo told a Senate panel in May that the solar inquiry is following a process set by law that doesn't allow consideration of climate change, supply chains or other factors. She said Monday that she remains "committed to upholding our trade laws and ensuring American workers have a chance to compete on a level playing field." "The president's

emergency declaration ensures America's families have access to reliable and clean electricity while also ensuring we have the ability to hold our trading partners accountable to their commitments," Raimondo said in a statement. Clean energy leaders have long warned that the investigation — which could result in retroactive tariffs of up to 240% — would severely hinder the U.S. solar industry, leading to thousands of layoffs and imperiling up to 80% of planned solar projects around the country. The department counters that rates exceed-

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ing 200% for solar products would not apply to the vast majority of imports. They instead typically apply to uncooperative companies that cannot differentiate themselves from China's government or Communist Party.

Still, any possible punishment might have jeopardized one of Biden's top clean energy goals and run counter to his administration's push for renewable energy such as wind and solar power, advocates argue. "The president's announcement will rejuvenate the construction and domestic manufacturing of solar power by restoring predictability and business certainty that the Department of Commerce's flawed inquiry has disrupted," Heather Zichal, CEO of the American Clean Power Association and a former Obama administration official, said in a statement Monday. Abigail Ross Hopper, president and CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association, cheered Biden's "thoughtful approach to addressing the paralyzed solar supply chain."

"Today's actions protect existing solar jobs, will lead to increased employment in the solar industry and foster a robust solar manufacturing base here at home," Ross Hopper said in a statement. □

New Orleans Starbucks store 1st in Louisiana to vote union

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Employees at a Starbucks store in New Orleans voted to form a union, becoming the first of the coffee giant's locations in Louisiana to unionize.

Ballots were cast Friday and Saturday 11-1 in favor of joining Workers United, which represents the unionized Starbucks stores, WWNO-FM reported. Two ballots were challenged, the station said.

The New Orleans vote is the latest in a series of wins for labor at Starbucks stores across the nation, and

comes about a week after workers in Birmingham, Alabama, voted 27-to-1 to become that state's first unionized Starbucks.

Barista Caitlyn Pierce and others wanted to unionize because of regular shifts where they were overworked and understaffed, the station reported.

"I'm feeling amazing," Pierce said. "This is something we worked so hard for and it's just great to finally get here."

Starbucks has fought unionization efforts, saying its 9,000 company-owned U.S.

stores function best when Starbucks works directly with employees, which the company calls "partners."

In a statement Sunday, Starbucks said it was "listening and learning," and added, "We respect our partner's right to organize." The statement didn't say whether the company would challenge the vote. Billie Nyx, lead organizer of the union campaign, was fired in mid-May for closing the store early without permission from higher management. Nyx is contesting the dismissal, saying it was



Pro-union pins sit on display, Dec. 9, 2021. Employees at a Starbucks store in New Orleans are the first of the coffee giant's locations in Louisiana to unionize, voting 11-1 in favor of joining a union on Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, 2022.

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in retaliation for union advocacy.

Nyx said they will meet with their lawyer and gather

those still working at the store to solidify specific demands for the contract negotiations. □

Proud Boys charged with seditious conspiracy in Capitol riot

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Associated Press

The former top leader of the far-right Proud Boys extremist group and other members were charged Monday with seditious conspiracy for what federal prosecutors say was a coordinated attack on the U.S. Capitol to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory.

The latest indictment against Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, the former Proud Boys chairman, and four others linked to the group comes as the U.S. House committee investigating the Jan. 6 riot prepares to begin public hearings this week to lay out its findings. The indictment alleges that the Proud Boys conspired to forcibly oppose the lawful transfer of presidential power. Tarrío and the others — Ethan Nordean, Joseph Biggs, Zachary Rehl and Dominic Pezzola — were previously charged with different conspiracy counts.

They are scheduled to stand trial in August in Washington, D.C.'s federal court.

The seditious conspiracy charges are among the most serious filed so far, but aren't the first of their kind. Eleven members or asso-



Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrío wears a hat that says The War Boys and smokes a cigarette at a rally in Delta Park on Sept. 26, 2020, in Portland, Ore.

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ciates of the anti-government Oath Keepers militia group, including its founder and leader Stewart Rhodes, were indicted in January on seditious conspiracy charges in a serious escalation in the largest investigation in the Justice Department's history.

Three Oath Keepers have already pleaded guilty to the rarely used Civil War-era charge that calls for up to 20 years in prison. The indictment alleges that the Oath Keepers and their associates prepared in the weeks leading up to Jan. 6 as if they were going to war, discussing things like weapons and training.

Tarrío, the group's top leader, wasn't in Washington, D.C., when the riot erupted on Jan. 6, 2021, but authorities say he helped put into motion the violence that day.

Police arrested Tarrío in Washington two days before the riot and charged him with vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church during a protest in December 2020. Tarrío was released from jail on Jan. 14 after serving his five-month sentence for that case.

An attorney for Tarrío said his client "is going to have his day in court."

"And we intend to vigor-

ously represent him through that process," said Nayib Hassan.

Defense attorney Carmen Hernandez, who represents Rehl, said her client is "as innocent of these charges as the ones that had already been pending against him."

"Seditious conspiracy requires the use of force, and he never used any force nor thought about using any force," Hernandez said.

More than three dozen people charged in the Capitol siege have been identified by federal authorities as leaders, members or associates of the

Proud Boys, whose members describe it as a politically incorrect men's club for "Western chauvinists."

They have brawled with antifascist activists at rallies and protests. Vice Media co-founder Gavin McInnes, who founded the Proud Boys in 2016, sued the Southern Poverty Law Center for labeling it as a hate group.

The indictment alleges that the Proud Boys held meetings and communicated over encrypted messages to plan for the attack in the days leading up to Jan. 6. On the day of the riot, authorities say Proud Boys dismantled metal barricades set up to protect the Capitol and mobilized, directed and led members of the crowd into the building.

Prosecutors have said the Proud Boys arranged for members to communicate using specific frequencies on Baofeng radios. The Chinese-made devices can be programmed for use on hundreds of frequencies, making it difficult for outsiders to eavesdrop.

Shortly before the riot, authorities say Tarrío posted on social media that the group planned to turn out in "record numbers" on Jan. 6, but would be "incognito" instead of donning their traditional clothing colors of black and yellow. □



In this photo, armed homeowners Mark and Patricia McCloskey, stand in front their house confronting protesters marching to St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson's house in the Central West End of St. Louis on June 28, 2020.

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By **JIM SALTER**

Associated Press

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to hear an appeal from Mark and

Patricia McCloskey, the husband-and-wife attorneys whose law licenses were placed on probation for pointing guns at racial

High court won't hear appeal over McCloskeys' law licenses

injustice protesters outside their St. Louis mansion in 2020.

Mark McCloskey, who is seeking the Republican nomination for one of Missouri's U.S. Senate seats in the August primary, said he wasn't surprised by the high court's decision since it takes up relatively few cases.

"I was a little disappointed because I thought that the concept of a lawyer being sanctioned for doing no more than just defending himself and exercising his Second Amendment rights would be an issue that the

Supreme Court might find significant," McCloskey said.

The Missouri Supreme Court in February placed the couple's licenses on probation for one year, allowing them to continue to practice law. They must also provide 100 hours of free legal service. The appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court sought to end the probation.

Last month, the state's high court denied the McCloskeys' request to provide free legal service to the conservative activist group Project Veritas to meet the pro bono requirement. The

organization is known for hidden camera stings that have embarrassed news outlets, labor organizations and Democratic politicians.

Mark McCloskey has said he and his wife felt threatened in June 2020 when demonstrators walked onto their private street during global protests that followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Mark McCloskey emerged from his home with an AR-15-style rifle, and Patricia McCloskey waved a semi-automatic pistol. No shots were fired. □

Poland, with near-total abortion ban, to record pregnancies

By VANESSA GERA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

The government of Poland, where a near-total abortion ban is in place, faced accusations Monday of creating a "pregnancy register" as the country expands the amount of medical data being digitally saved on patients.

Women's rights advocates and opposition politicians fear women face unprecedented surveillance given the conservative views of a ruling party that has already tightened what was one of Europe's most restrictive abortion laws.

They fear the new data could be used by police and prosecutors against women whose pregnancies end, even in cases of miscarriage, or that women could be tracked by the state if they order abortion pills or travel abroad for an abortion. "A pregnancy registry in a country with an almost complete ban on abortion is terrifying," said Agnieszka Dziemianowicz-Bąk, a left-wing lawmaker. The matter gained attention Monday after Health Minister Adam Niedzielski signed an ordinance Friday expanding the amount of information to be saved in a central database on patients, including information on allergies, blood type and pregnancies.

The health ministry spokes-



A group of women's rights activists protest against Poland's strict anti-abortion law, outside the top constitutional court, in Warsaw, Poland, Jan. 26, 2022.

man, Wojciech Andrusiewicz, sought to allay concerns, saying only medical professionals will have access to the data, and that the changes are being made at the recommendation of the European Union. The effort, he said, is meant to improve the medical treatment of patients, including if they seek treatment elsewhere in the 27-member EU. In the case of pregnant women, he said this will help doctors immediately know which women should not get X-

rays or certain medicines. "Nobody is creating a pregnancy register in Poland," he told the TVN24 all-news station.

But Marta Lempart, the leader of a women's rights group, Women's Strike, said she does not trust the government to keep information on women's pregnancies from the police and prosecutors. She told The Associated Press that police in Poland are already questioning women on how their pregnancies end, tipped off by disgruntled

partners.

"Being pregnant means that police can come to you any time and prosecutors can come to you to ask you questions about your pregnancy," Lempart said. The new system means many Polish women will now avoid the state medical system during their pregnancies, with wealthier women seeking private treatment or traveling abroad, even for prenatal care.

Meanwhile, poorer women in Poland will face an

increased risk of medical problems or even death by avoiding prenatal care, Lempart fears.

Lempart also worries that information gained by police could be shared with state media to harm people's reputations.

She already knows how that can happen. In 2020, Lempart tested positive for COVID-19, and the information was reported by state television even before she got her results.

Poland — a predominantly Catholic country — bans abortion in almost all cases, with exceptions only when a woman's life or health is endangered or if the pregnancy results from rape or incest.

For years, abortion was allowed in the case of fetuses with congenital defects. That exception was struck down by the constitutional court in 2020.

In practice, Polish women seeking to terminate their pregnancies order abortions pills or travel to Germany, the Czech Republic and other countries where the procedure is allowed. While self-administering abortion pills is legal, helping someone else is not.

Activist Justyna Wydrzyńska is facing up to three years in prison for helping a victim of domestic violence access abortion pills. Amnesty International says it is the first such case in Europe. □

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Cyprus to UN: Turkey seeks full control of breakaway north

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) —

Cyprus will lodge a complaint with the United Nations over Turkey's new financial assistance deal with breakaway Turkish Cypriots that demonstrates Ankara's "complete control" over them, the president of the ethnically divided island nation said Monday. President Nicos Anastasiades, a Greek Cypriot, told state broadcaster CyBC that he would also include in the protest letter Turkey's move to designate the Turkish Cypriots' unrecognized, main air-

port as a domestic flight route, effectively turning it into a Turkish one.

Many liberal Turkish Cypriots fear that both the financial deal and the airport designation are the clearest signals yet that Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan wants to eventually annex breakaway northern Cyprus.

"I will proceed with the complaint again with the United Nations relative to the airport which ... in essence is being integrated and considered a Turkish airport," Anastasiades said.

"Secondly, (financial) protocol clearly demonstrates Ankara's complete control of the Turkish Cypriots."

Turkish officials reportedly said the designation aims to make flights to and from northern Cyprus cheaper. Turkish Cypriots declared independence in the island nation's northern third nearly a decade after Turkey invaded in 1974 following a coup by supporters of union with Greece. Only Turkey recognizes the Turkish Cypriots' independence.

Numerous rounds of U.N.-



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan arrives for a ceremony, in Ankara, Turkey, May 16, 2022.

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facilitated talks over nearly a half century to reunify Cyprus as a federation

composed of Greek and Turkish speaking sectors have led nowhere. □

Lebanon urges U.S. envoy to end maritime dispute with Israel

By **BASSEM MROUE**

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Lebanese government invited on Monday a U.S. envoy mediating between Lebanon and Israel over their disputed maritime border to return to Beirut as soon as possible to work out an agreement amid rising tensions along the border.

The invitation for Amos Hochstein, a senior adviser for energy security at the U.S. State Department, came a day after Israel set up a gas rig at its designated location at the Karish field, which Israel says is part of its U.N.-recognized exclusive economic zone. Lebanon insists it is in a disputed area.

The U.S.-mediated indirect talks between Lebanon and Israel have been stalled for months amid disagreement within Lebanon over how big the disputed area is. Lebanon is home to the heavily armed militant Hezbollah group, which is backed by Iran and has fought several wars with Israel. Hezbollah has also warned it would use its weapons to protect Lebanon's economic rights.

On Sunday, Lebanon warned Israel not to start drilling in the Karish field and President Michel Aoun said maritime border nego-



In this photo released by Lebanese government, Lebanese President Michel Aoun, right, meets with U.S. Envoy for Energy Affairs Amos Hochstein, center, and U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Dorothy Shea, left, at the presidential palace in Baabda, east of Beirut, Lebanon, Feb. 9, 2022.

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tiations have not ended, adding that any move by Israel will be considered "a provocation and hostile act." Aoun's office said Lebanon formally notified the United Nations in February that Karish is part of the disputed area and that the U.N. Security Council should prevent Israel from drilling there in order "to avoid steps that could form a threat to international peace and security."

The Israeli energy ministry confirmed that the oil rig arrived Sunday, after a five-week sail from Singapore.

The ministry said that the Karish field is projected to provide half of Israel's demand for natural gas and will allow greater exports to neighboring Egypt and Jordan.

Israel's Energy Minister Karine Elharrar said in an interview on Monday with Army Radio that the field was "entirely in undisputed territory" and called on Lebanon to return to indirect negotiations.

"It's not even (above) the southern line that Lebanon submitted to the United Nations. Even according

to the United Nations, it's not in Lebanon," she said. Elharrar added that the Israeli defense ministry is taking the necessary steps to protect the rig, without elaborating further.

Elharrar also told the 103FM radio station that the Lebanese allegations were "very far from reality" and that "all the relevant forces are involved, and I recommend not trying to surprise Israel." But she said the likelihood of conflict was small. Satellite images on Sunday from Planet Labs PBC analyzed by The Associated

Press showed the Marshall Islands-flagged Energean Power floating production storage and offloading vessel in the Karish field area of the Mediterranean Sea. Nearby was the Bahamas-flagged platform Arendal Spirit. Ship tracking data from the two vessels analyzed by the AP also confirmed the vessels' presence in the area.

On Monday, the office of Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati said that he has agreed with Aoun to invite Hochstein to return to Beirut for talks on the border dispute and "to work on concluding them as soon as possible in order to prevent any escalation that will not serve the stability that the region is currently witnessing."

Israel and Lebanon, which have been officially at war since Israel's creation in 1948, both claim some 860 square kilometers (330 square miles) of the Mediterranean Sea. Lebanon hopes to unleash offshore oil and gas production as it grapples with an economic crisis. Last year, the Lebanese delegation — a mix of army generals and professionals — offered a new map that pushes for an additional 1,430 square kilometers (550 square miles). □



Pastor Harry Knoesen, appears in the Magistrates court, in Middelburg, South Africa, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

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By **MOGOMOTSI MAGOME**

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A South African court has

convicted a pastor of plotting to overthrow the government and to kill thousands of Black people in

South African pastor found guilty of treason, racist plot

the country.

Harry Johannes Knoesen, 61, a leader of the National Christian Resistance Movement, was on Monday found guilty of high treason, incitement to carry out violent attacks, and recruiting people to commit attacks.

Knoesen's group explored the possibility of using a biological weapon to infect and kill Black people, including the poisoning of water reservoirs supplying Black communities, according to the prosecution. Knoesen was also found guilty of unlawful possession of firearms by the Middelburg High Court. Weapons

and ammunition were found when he was arrested in Middelburg, a small town in the eastern Mpumalanga province.

The plot by the pastor's group was foiled in 2019 by South Africa's police and intelligence services, who have since dismantled the organization's cells across various parts of the country and arrested some of its leaders.

Knoesen was convicted on evidence from witnesses including members of his group who are already serving jail sentences after they were convicted of similar crimes.

The state alleged that Kno-

esen's plot was motivated by his "highly racial views" and that he sought to justify his beliefs on religious grounds, claiming that he was ordained to "reclaim South Africa for white people."

"To further this end, he planned to attack government institutions and more specifically police and military institutions," Monica Nyuswa, a spokeswoman for the National Prosecuting Authority, told The Associated Press.

He also identified townships and informal settlements occupied by Black South Africans as targets for attack, she said. □

Migrant caravan sets out in southern Mexico

By EDGAR H. CLEMENTE

Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP)

— Several thousand migrants set out walking in the rain early Monday in southern Mexico, tired of waiting to normalize their status in a region with little work and still far from their ultimate goal of reaching the United States.

Their advocates said they wanted to call attention to their plight, timing it with this week's Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles. It was estimated to include 4,000 to 5,000 migrants, mostly from Central America, Venezuela and Cuba.

It is the largest migrant caravan to attempt to leave southern Mexico this year, though a much larger group was stopped last year in Guatemala. Mexican authorities have eventually broken up the others through a mix of force and offers to more quickly resolve their cases.

Many carried children in their arms, on their backs, using sheets of plastic or blankets to shield them from the persistent rain.

For months, migrants and asylum seekers have complained that Mexico's strategy of containing them in the southernmost reaches of the country has made their lives miserable. Many



A migrant carries a U.S. flag as he pulls luggage during a migrant caravan leaving the city of Tapachula in Chiapas state, Mexico, early Monday, June 6, 2022.

carry significant debts for their migration and there are few opportunities for work in Mexico's south.

Meanwhile, Mexico's asylum agency has been overwhelmed by the surging number of applicants. Restrictive policies have made applying for asylum in Mexico one of the few routes migrants have to legalize their status and be able to continue traveling north.

The caravan departed just hours before Mexico President Andrés Manuel López

Obrador announced that he would not be attending the Summit of the Americas because the Biden administration did not invite Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua to participate.

Luis García Villagrán, an activist accompanying the migrants in Tapachula, said they wanted to send a message to the region's leaders that "the migrant women and children, the migrant families are not bargaining chips for ideological and political interests."

Venezuelan migrant Ruben Medina said he and 12 members of his family found themselves in southern Mexico because of his country's president Nicolás Maduro.

"(We have) been waiting about two months for the visa and still nothing, so better to start walking in this march," Medina said.

"They gave us an appointment for August 10 in (the asylum commission), and we don't have the money to wait," said Joselyn Ponce of Nicaragua. "We

had to walk around hiding from immigration, there were raids, because if they catch us they will lock us up." The phenomenon of migrant caravans took off in 2018. Previously, smaller annual caravans moved through Mexico to highlight migrants' plight, but without the stated goal of reaching the U.S. border.

But then several thousand migrants began walking together, betting on safety in numbers and a greater likelihood that government officials would not try to stop them. It worked at first, but more recently the Guatemalan and Mexican governments have been far more aggressive in moving to dissolve the caravans before they can build momentum.

An October 2021 caravan grew to about 4,000 migrants before it diminished in southern Mexico. Another that was broken up by authorities in Guatemala in January of that year was estimated to be even larger.

While the caravans have garnered media attention, the migrants traveling in them represent a tiny fraction of the migratory flow that carries people to the U.S. border every day, usually with the help of smugglers. □

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Dominican Republic cabinet minister killed in office

By MARTÍN ADAMES

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)

— The Dominican Republic's minister of the environment and natural resources — the son of a former president — was shot and killed in his office on Monday by a close friend, the office of the president said in a statement.

Authorities said Orlando Jorge Mera was shot by Miguel Cruz, who has been detained. Officials gave no potential motive and it wasn't immediately clear if Cruz had an attorney.

"We express our deepest condolences," the office

of President Luis Abinader said. Jorge comes from a powerful political family. He is the son of former Dominican President Salvador Jorge Blanco and his sister is a vice minister in Abinader's administration. Jorge's son is a lawmaker for the Modern Revolutionary Party, of which he is a founding member.

The family issued a statement saying that Cruz had been Jorge's friend since childhood, and that Jorge was shot multiple times.

"Our family forgives the person who did this. One of Orlando's greatest legacies was to not hold grudges," it said.

Police and emergency officials swarmed the office of Environment and Natural Resources Ministry in the capital of Santo Domingo and barred entry to it as mourners gathered nearby. Jorge's office is located on the fourth floor of a building that also houses the Ministry of Tourism.

"We are troubled by the situation," Jorge's ministry said in a brief statement.

Bartolomé Pujals, executive director of the government's Cabinet of Innovation, wrote that he lamented the killing.

"His death is a tragedy," he said. "We Dominicans have to come together to



Dominican Secretary for Commerce and Industry Sonia Guzman, right, talks to the media accompanied by Orlando Jorge Mera, at the presidential palace in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 16, 2004.

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was appointed minister of the environment and natural resources in August 2020. □

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Bowls Noodle Bar invites you to a Happy Hour with a unique flavor



Bowls Noodle Bar recently opened at their new location at The Village, near the High Rise Hotels. To celebrate, they are launching their new Happy Hour from 9pm to 11pm every day.

Before the pandemic, Bowls Noodle Bar opened at the Hyatt by the airport, and was in the process of opening a second location at The Village when the pandemic hit. Due to the consequences of the pandemic, they decided to close the restaurant by the airport and open their new location at The Village. Their new location has been open for about six months to great results.

At The Village, night time is the best time. This is why they are now offering a daily Happy Hour, from 9pm to 11pm. It includes \$3 beer and \$5 cocktails.

Their cocktails are made in-house with a unique fusion of Asian flavors, for example, the popular purple Ube Mojito, with the flavor of traditional Ube, a Japanese dessert; the Blue Samurai with ginger flavor; and the refreshing Fruity Blossoms, with a flavor encompassing the Sakura, the famous Japanese Cherry Blossoms. You can try all these for only \$5 each during Happy Hour.

Fusion is at the core of the unique flavors of Bowls Noodle Bar, and this is expressed beautifully in their traditional Japanese soups. They are the only restaurant in Aruba that has most of the noodles traditionally used, Udon, Ramen, and Rice noodles. Ramen noodles, served fresh, are a surprising flavor for those who are used to dried ramen noodles. They also have Jasmine rice for the rice bowls.

Their authentic soups are the highlight



and star. Chef Warren explains that there are four main components to the soup: the broth, the noodles, tare, and the oil, and these are very important for the traditional Japanese soups. At Bowls Noodle Bar, they have a wide variety of flavors to cater to every taste, like the famous Pork Chashu. It comes with fresh ramen noodles, and it's the pride of Bowls Noodle Bar. Chef Warren says that the broth for this soup takes two to three days to make, and is made in-house, with fresh and delicious ingredients. They also cater to vegetarians and vegans, with various options on the menu like tofu mushroom soup, vegetable gyoza, wonton, and fresh kimchi fermented at the restaurant.

The wok concept also allows you to create your own unique dish, choosing your base, protein, vegetables and sauce.

Origin

The founders of Bowls Noodle Bar, Dexter Moreno and his partner Lai, opened their first location on Curaçao. They traveled to Japan to study Japanese Cuisine, and they fell in love with Japanese soup. Lai's parents are Chinese, and this is the start of the Asian-fusion flavors that are both surprising and delectable, combining Japanese, Chinese and even some Korean cuisine. Chef Warren was trained in these traditional flavors by the founders themselves.

They came to Aruba where Dexter approached some ex-colleagues in the industry to open a location on the island, and with a local team, opened Bowls Noodle Bar Aruba with a more extensive menu.

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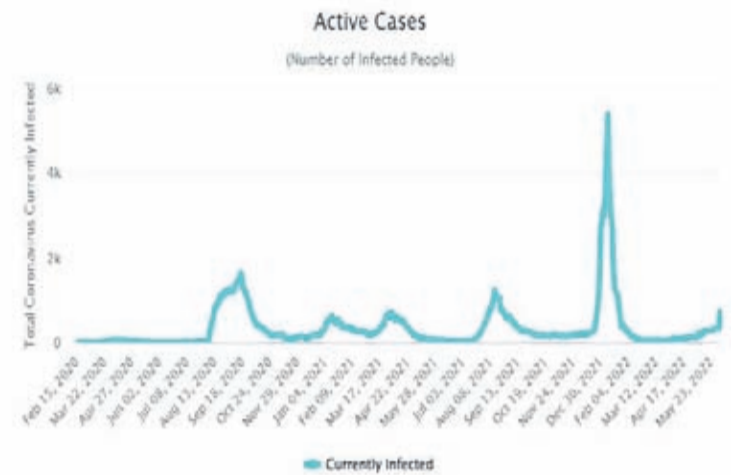


The weekly update on the development of COVID-19 on Aruba reports the recovery of 563 people

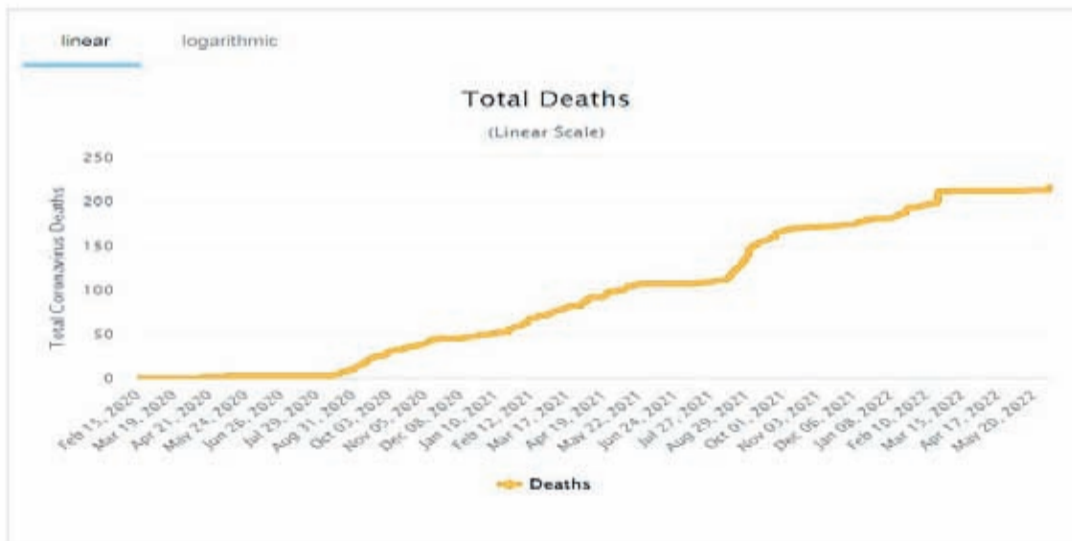
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Active Cases in Aruba



Total Coronavirus Deaths in Aruba



Oranjestad - The agency of public health of Aruba, known as DVG, publishes an update every week to inform both visitors and locals alike about the continuous development of COVID-19 on the Island.

This week's update reported the recovery of 563 people, along with the registration of 941 new cases of COVID-19.

The amount of active cases for COVID-19 for this week is of 701, while the amount of deaths related to or caused by COVID-19 increased to 216. We send our condolences and strength to the family members of those who have passed away.

The data illustrates that new cases of COVID-19 have a weekly average of 134 new

cases per day, with an average weekly positivity rate of 46% per day.

Currently, there are 10 people hospitalized in Aruba, either with or for reasons related to COVID-19, of which 1 person is in the intensive care unit, known as ICU, and 9 in general care. In Colombia, there are no patents from Aruba hospitalized. □



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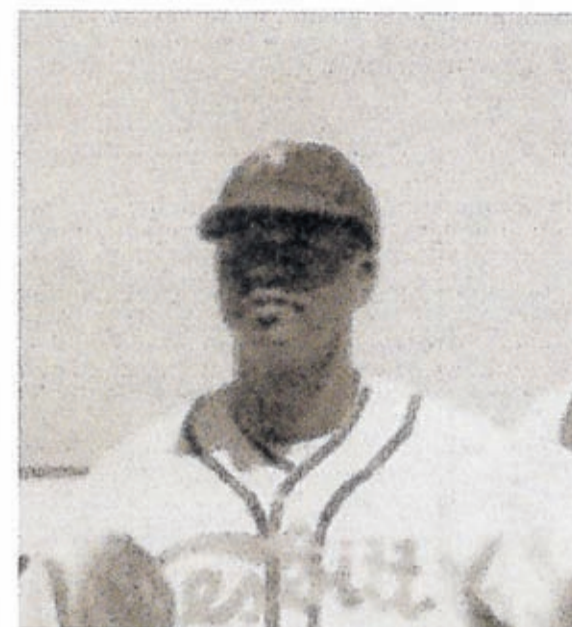
Short history of the beginnings of baseball in Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Baseball was played on the island of Aruba in the 1930's, but only by United States expatriates working for LAGO and living inside the LAGO colony. Jim Bluejacket, the legendary US Indian who had played in two major league teams, worked for LAGO during 14 years and was a key factor in the growth of the popularity of the game in the colony. There is no record of Bluejacket ever playing outside the colony.

Outside the colony, the game of baseball was introduced to Aruba by Venezuelan immigrants and sailors on the Venezuelan fishing boats that used Aruba as their home port. They formed pick-up teams and played games on Sundays on an open field behind what is now the Court of Justice. One of the Venezuelans that comes to mind is Felix Garrido, grandfather of our current Prime-Minister.

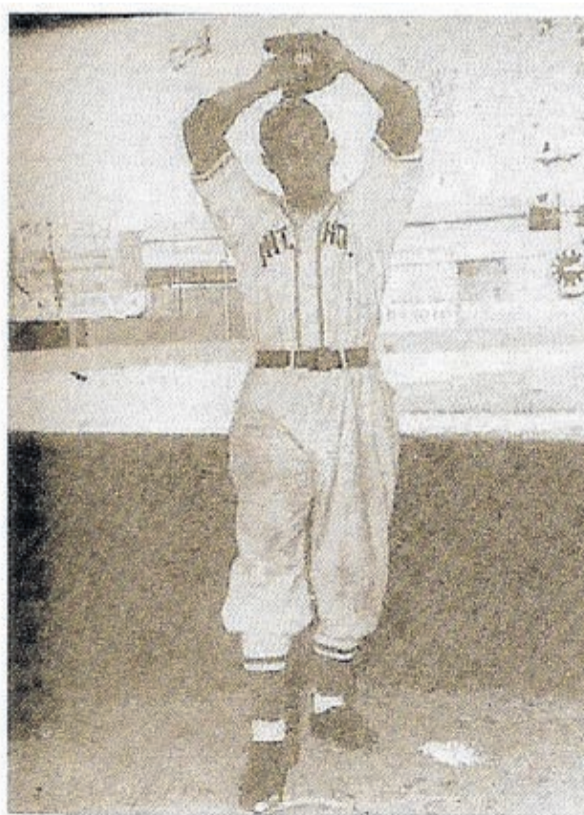
In the late 30s the leader of this group was Raúl Aparicio, a cousin of Luis Aparicio who is now enshrined in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The Aparicios were evidently very good at



sports. Raúl had two brothers who also played baseball, René and Roman. Rosendo, his only brother who did not play baseball became a professional soccer player in the Venezuelan league. Rosendo was nicknamed "Cabeza de oro" (golden head) for a memorable header he scored to win a game for his team.

Interestingly, it was in Aruba that Luis Aparicio played his first game outside of Venezuela. This took place in 1950 when he played shortstop for the school he attended. Later he played for "Cabimas" in a doubleheader of the Venezuelan Western League. These official games of the league were authorized to be played in Aruba by the Professional Baseball Organization of Venezuela. Several others who played in those games have also been enshrined.

Luis Aparicio's father was the super popular Luis "El Grande" (the great one) after whom the baseball stadium in Maracaibo is named. He and his brother owned the professional baseball teams "Gavilanes" which later became the "Aguilas", and the "Cabimas".



In the early '40s, another group, mostly immigrants from the Dominican Republic also became very active with pickup teams. Some of these remained active in baseball well into the early '50s; as umpires, managers even as players. Among these were Nestor "Pantin" Guerrero who also had a musical band. Perhaps not so coincidentally, many of Pantin's players were also musicians. Luthai Pantophlet who umpired many years was a well-known drummer. Gaston Hazel was a bongo player; José Bryson and the brothers Nicholson, Teddy and Julio, all played several instruments.

In San Nicolas, baseball was played on the grounds next to where the LAGO Sport Park (now Laveist Sport Park) was officially inaugurated in March 1941.

During the WWII years, baseball got a big lift from the influx of Puerto Rican and US soldiers stationed here. As LAGO was playing a very important role in the struggle against Hitler, it was able to get all the sports equipment needed here to allow more people to participate. □

Kimberly Palmer: Managing money starts with your emotions



Dollar bills are shown in New York, Oct. 24, 2016.

Associated Press

By **KIMBERLY PALMER**
of NerdWallet

Money can trigger strong emotional reactions, which can lead to not-so-great decisions, like missing payments or overspending. A new wave of books urges people to explore their emotional connections to money in order to make better financial decisions. "Eighty-five or 90% of our money decisions are based on our emotions," says Bari Tessler, a financial therapist in Boulder, Colorado, and author of "The Art of Money Workbook," out this month. "We need to be understanding of what our money emotions are so we can not just feel overwhelmed or try to run away." Tessler had that experience several years ago, when she felt herself hyperventilating while at a car dealership with her husband. She excused herself to the restroom, where she questioned why she was feeling so anxious. Tessler realized that she strongly dislikes making quick decisions about money. So she and

her husband took more time to discuss the purchase. As a result, she says, "we made the best decision we could."

CONSIDER YOUR OWN MONEY STORY

When Los Angeles-based author and producer Rebecca Walker started soliciting stories for her essay collection "Women Talk Money: Breaking the Taboo," she discovered that many people felt shame for having money, guilt over having more than their parents, and regret over earlier financial decisions.

"So many women in my life were holding painful stories about money — confusing, troubling experiences with money," she says. "So many of us were trying to work all this out on our own, and that was keeping us from getting support."

Walker encourages readers to explore their own money stories — those experiences, often in childhood, that influenced how they think about money. "I want them to find at least one story that they're hold-

ing onto about money, one memory or fundamental idea that has been shaping their lives about abundance or scarcity, and go from there. How do you want to change that story now?"

Changing that story could result in concrete shifts in spending. For example, if you grew up watching your parents overspend without saving, then you might have to teach yourself how to save with a tool like the 50/30/20 budget. It suggests putting 50% of your take-home income to needs, 30% to wants and 20% to debt payments and savings.

REFLECT ON RECENT MONEY EXPERIENCES, TOO

In her book, Tessler encourages readers to think about their last three money interactions. "When you were checking out at the grocery store or exchanging money for goods or services in some other way, what emotions popped up?" she asks.

Shame, anger, fear, guilt, joy, sadness and happiness

are common reactions. "Maybe it's reminding you of a past money mistake you made. Let's bring some awareness and understanding to it," she says.

CONDUCT A BODY CHECK-IN

Giving yourself a body check-in, as Tessler did at the car dealership, is something Tessler encourages, especially when talking about money with a partner or making big purchases. Focus on physical sensations, including your breathing, and observe feelings or memories that are surfacing.

If you notice you're feeling tense, for example, then you can take a break or go outside before continuing. "Money emotions don't go away completely, but we can reduce them in size and intensity," she says.

FIND YOUR OWN CALMING TECHNIQUES

In her book, "Finance for the People," Los Angeles-based financial educator and musician Paco de Leon suggests creating a list of strategies that help

you calm down and using them before making a big financial decision, like buying a house. She lists ideas like going for a walk, reading a book and playing an instrument.

"We make decisions based on emotion and rationalize them after," she says. "But if we could deal with our emotions first, then you can go, 'I've felt my feelings, now I can be rational.'"

De Leon took this approach when deciding whether to take on significant student loans. After setting the stress aside, she made a spreadsheet to crunch the numbers and decided law school wasn't for her.

ADDRESS YOUR DEBT

De Leon says that carrying debt, whether it's credit card debt or student loans, often makes people feel ashamed. She suggests changing the story we tell ourselves about debt by writing a letter to it, an idea she took from DearDebt.com. "Express your feelings; you'll see that they are complex. Consider thanking your debt for what it's allowed you to do," she writes. Once you process those feelings, it's easier to tackle the debt itself. You might decide to apply the debt snowball method, where you pay off the smallest debts first.

FORGIVE YOURSELF FOR PAST MISTAKES

Self-compassion is a powerful tool, says Michael G. Thomas Jr., an Athens, Georgia-based financial counselor and founder of Modom Solutions, a financial coaching platform. "We are more likely to extend grace and courtesy to other people when they make a mistake," he says. Forgiving ourselves for past mistakes can help us move forward.

In her book, Walker writes about forgiving herself for earlier choices to splurge on purchases instead of learning how to invest. "I let go of the idea that I did this terrible thing and extended compassion to myself, which was liberating," she says. "It allowed me to move forward in a healthier way." □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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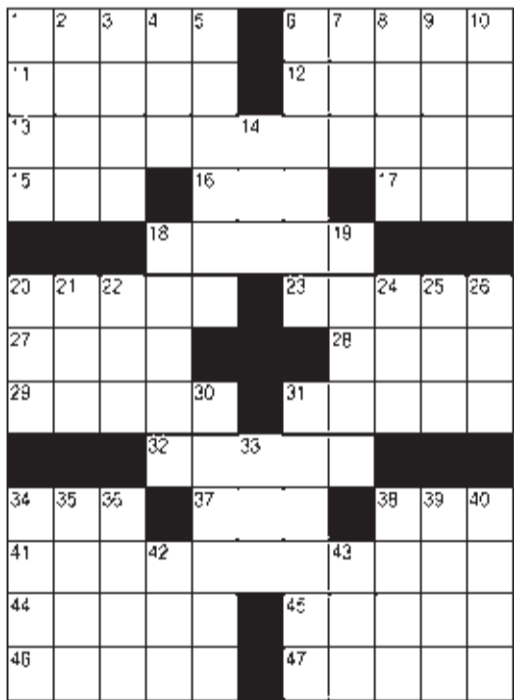
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THEY FIGHT NOT FOR THE LUST OF CONQUEST. THEY FIGHT TO END CONQUEST. THEY FIGHT TO LIBERATE. — PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ON DUBAY

In Bali, bird sellers help endangered mynah make a comeback



A Bali mynah prepared to be released into the wild perch on three branches inside an enclosure in Tabanan, Bali, Indonesia on April 17, 2022.

Associated Press

By VICTORIA MILKO and ANDI JATMIKO

Associated Press

BABAHAN, Indonesia (AP)

— Tossing flowing crests back and forth, three snow-white Bali mynahs share a branch, squawking and looking around with the trademark blue patches around their eyes catching sunlight. Minutes later, four more join — a sight that would have been impossible in the wild two decades ago.

But by working with bird breeders and sellers — the very group that contributed to the prized birds becoming critically endangered — conservationists are releasing them in Bali province, hoping to boost the wild population.

Experts say more research and monitoring is needed, but the conservation model has shown promise over the past 10 years and could be replicated for other vulnerable birds in Indonesia. Endemic to Bali, the Bali mynah has been a highly sought collector's item in the international cage bird trade for more than a century due to their striking white plumage and song.

Capture of the birds for sale coupled with habitat loss from land conversion to farming and settlements led to the bird being listed as "threatened" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature in 1988 and upgraded to "critically endangered" in 1994. By 2001 experts estimated only about six Bali mynahs were living in the wild, with thousands in captivity across the globe.

Recognizing Indonesia's deeply engrained bird breeder culture and the dire need for Bali mynah conservation, the nongovernmental organization now called BirdLife International paired with the government to launch a captive breeding program in the 1980s.

Breeders are able to apply for licenses to breed the birds. If approved, they're given mynahs by the government and are allowed to keep 90% of the offspring for private sale. The remaining birds are rehabilitated and released at West Bali National Park, where they can be monitored by park authorities.

The conservation method

is compatible with Indonesian culture, where it's common to have cage birds and people rely on the bird trade for their income, said Tom Squires, a PhD candidate at Manchester Metropolitan University studying Bali mynah ecology and other threatened birds in Indonesia.

"The national park began to understand that and ... create the conditions where you could have a wild population that still thrives," said Squires. "Bird keepers can still keep birds and follow their hobby without causing real problems for wild populations — which is, I think, a lot better than species going extinct in the world."

Early mynah releases were plagued with issues: some birds were infected with a parasite that caused high fledgling mortality, others were killed by natural predators. Poaching also continued — and the national park's captive breeding facility was even robbed at gunpoint, with nearly 40 birds stolen.

Yet conservation efforts in the last decade have seen greater success through increased monitoring of the birds, stronger census data and more research, said Squires.

Agus Ngurah Krisna Kepakisan, the head of the West Bali National Park, also attributes the success of the breeding program to the creation and proliferation of "buffer villages" around the park. Villagers get assistance in obtaining permits to breed Bali mynahs there.

"With the community being the breeders ... they are helping us to take care of the birds that exist in nature," he said. "There are also those who used to often look for and take Bali mynah from nature." Squires said there's definitive evidence some released birds have produced offspring. "So that leads me to believe that the population is certainly self-sustaining to an extent," he said. □

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U.N.: 'Climate shocks' fueling multiple, looming food crises

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**
Associated Press
ROME (AP) — Two U.N. food agencies issued stark warnings Monday about multiple, looming food crises on the planet, driven by climate "shocks" like drought and worsened by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine that have sent fuel and food prices soaring. The glum assessment came in a report by two Rome-based food agencies: the World Food Program (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). WFP Executive Director David Beasley said besides hurting "the poorest of the poor" the global food crises threaten to overwhelm millions of families who are just getting by. "Conditions now are much worse than during the Arab Spring in 2011 and 2007-2008 food price crisis, when 48 countries were rocked by political unrest, riots and protests," Beasley said in a statement. He cited as "just the tip of the iceberg" food crises now in Indonesia,

Pakistan, Peru and Sri Lanka. The report calls for urgent humanitarian action to help "hunger hotspots" where acute hunger is expected to worsen over the next few months. The U.N. agencies are also warning that war in Ukraine, which was invaded by Russia in February, has exacerbated already steadily rising food and energy prices worldwide. "The effects are expected to be particularly acute where economic instability and spiraling prices combine with drops in food production due to climate shocks such as recurrent droughts or flooding," the joint statement from the U.N. agencies said. Among critical areas cited is East Africa, where the United Nations said an "unprecedented" drought is afflicting Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. South Sudan, meanwhile, faces a fourth straight year of large-scale flooding.

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Q&A: Moisés Kaufman reflects on the roots of our divisions

By SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven years ago, Moisés Kaufman was approached to direct the Broadway musical “Paradise Square” and, after reading it, he immediately said yes.

“I did this show because it spoke to me,” the Venezuelan theater director and playwright says. “So much of my work occurs at the intersection of the personal and the political. I like to look at history through the eyes of the other, through the eye of the person that doesn’t get to tell their story.”

Now “Paradise Square” — about unity and racism in New York’s notorious Five Points neighborhood, where Irish immigrants and Black Americans jostled to survive in the years before the Civil War — is nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including best musical, best lead actress for Joaquina Kalukango, and best featured actor for both Sidney DuPont and A.J. Shively.

During a recent interview with The Associated Press, Kaufman, himself an immigrant based in New York City, reflected on immigration and the roots of American divisions.

“Immigration is a great fallacy, because you never leave the country where you were born, and you never arrive in the country where you land. Your being is always divided, part of you is there and part of you is here,” he said.

The founder of Tectonic



Director and playwright Moisés Kaufman appears during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House for the National Medal of Arts in Washington on Sept. 22, 2016.

Associated Press

Theater Project — best known for “The Laramie Project” and who has received awards including the National Medal of Arts — also spoke about the relevance of the show today and the powerhouse that is Kalukango as the courageous bar owner Nelly O’Brien.

Remarks have been edited for brevity and clarity.

AP: You have directed plays on Broadway, but this is your first Broadway musical. Did you expect “Paradise Square” to get 10 nominations?

KAUFMAN: No, I did not expect it. It was a great joy to

hear that and to get that, and it’s been really rewarding! I did this show because it spoke to me. I don’t know, something about looking at America through the eyes of that community, a community where Irish immigrants and Black natives were getting married and living together and doing business together in 1863! When in the South, Black people were still slaves, here there was a community where people were living and loving together. It spoke to me.

AP: You are also an immigrant directing a show about immigrants. How did this inform the process?

KAUFMAN: Well, that was another way into the material. Like a lot of immigrants, we arrive here with a dream, with an expectation of what we want our lives to be like. And we have this whole mythology of what America provides and what one is able to do in America. And invariably, whether you succeed or you fail, you have to confront the reality of America. There’s always a gap between the reality of America and the dream of America. I think that the poorer you are, the distance between that reality and that image widens. So, of course, it’s much harder

for a poor person to come to America and realize their dreams than it is for a wealthy person to come to America and realize their dreams. I don’t know, there was something about these immigrants arriving in this country and then finding community with the least likely of partners that really spoke to me.

AP: What was the biggest challenge of directing this show?

KAUFMAN: The biggest challenge was that we knew that we wanted to tell an epic story. You don’t see musicals of this size on Broadway anymore or on the West End. You know, they’re un-producible — 36 actors on stage, 10 more actors off stage just being standbys, an orchestra of 50 people. It is a very big musical. At times we felt like, who do we want the audience to fall in love with and follow for the course of the play when you have so many characters? And how do you craft it in a way that you can follow all of them, and that you can follow the intricacies of this historical musical?

AP: Joaquina Kalukango gets a standing ovation before the show even ends — after “Let It Burn.” What can you tell me about her? Do you ever worry she might get sick?

KAUFMAN: We have two understudies for her, and they’re both very good. But Joaquina — every so often a monster arrives at the theater and that’s her, she’s a theatrical monster. □



President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden walk on the South Lawn upon arrival at the White House from Rehoboth Beach, Del., Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Washington.

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Biden to appear on ‘Jimmy Kimmel Live!’ during Western trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another sign America’s entertainment landscape is returning to normal: President Joe Biden will make his first in-person appearance on a late-night talk show since taking office. Biden will be a guest Wednesday night on ABC’s “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” the White House said.

Kimmel tweeted Sunday:

“Our very elected President @JoeBiden visits @JimmyKimmelLive Wednesday night. No malarkey.” Biden travels Wednesday to Los Angeles to host the Ninth Summit of the Americas, and Kimmel’s show tapes in Hollywood. In December 2021 Biden appeared virtually on NBC’s “The Tonight Show” with Jimmy Fallon, his first

late-night appearance while in office.

Government leaders from across the hemisphere will gather to discuss economic prosperity, climate change, the migration crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, the White House said.

Biden will give the summit’s opening address on Thursday. □

Mickelson the last to sign up for Saudi-funded golf league

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Phil Mickelson, a chief recruiter for a Saudi-funded rival league to the PGA Tour, is ending his four-month hiatus by adding his name to the 48-man field for the LIV Golf Invitational that starts Friday outside London.

Mickelson will be joining Dustin Johnson, Sergio Garcia and three other former major champions in a 54-hole tournament at Centurion Golf Club with \$25 million in prize money and \$4 million going to the individual winner.

"I am ready to come back to play the game I love but after 32 years this new path is a fresh start, one that is exciting for me at this stage of my career," Mickelson said in a statement posted on social media.

Mickelson also said he would be playing the last two majors, starting June 16 in the U.S. Open at The Country Club outside Boston.

He said the "transformative" new league would allow him to focus on a healthier approach to life on and off the course. Mickelson did not mention the signing fee, which is likely to be every bit of the \$125 million or more report-



Phil Mickelson hits his tee shot on the fifth hole of the South Course at Torrey Pines during the first round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament, Jan. 26, 2022, in San Diego.

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edly paid to Johnson.

It will be Mickelson's first time playing since Feb. 6 at the Saudi International, where he first began to draw attention to how he was leaning when he accused the PGA Tour of "obnoxious greed" in an interview with Golf Digest.

Two weeks later, Alan Shipnuck published excerpts from his unauthorized biography on Mickelson in which the six-time major champion acknowledged

Saudi Arabia's human rights atrocities, including the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, but said it was worth getting involved if it meant gaining leverage to make changes on the PGA Tour.

Mickelson also said he and three other top players paid attorneys to write the operating agreement of the new league. He later apologized for what he said were reckless com-

ments, without mentioning the PGA Tour.

But then he was out of view for four months, skipping the Masters and the PGA Championship, which he had won the year before at age 50 to become the oldest major champion in history. Mickelson apologized again in Monday's statement, adding that he "empathizes" with those who disagree with his decision to leave the PGA Tour for a league funded primarily by

the Public Investment Fund in Saudi Arabia.

"His contributions to the sport and connection to fans around the globe cannot be overstated and we are grateful to have him," said Greg Norman, the CEO and commissioner of LIV Golf Investments. "He strengthens an exciting field for London where we're proud to launch a new era for golf."

The PGA Tour did not grant releases for any of its 14 members who have signed up for the rival series, a list that also includes Louis Oosthuizen, Martin Kaymer and Charl Schwartzel.

Five other players from the Asian Tour were added as exemptions.

Even as Mickelson was the leader in trying to get players to join, his name was left off the original field list that was released on Tuesday. The Daily Telegraph reported Johnson, at No. 15 the highest-ranked player in the world, received upward of \$125 million to join. The decision likely means the end of Mickelson's career on the PGA Tour because players who defect are likely to face suspensions for violating tour regulations by playing overseas without a release. □

Jack Nicklaus to become honorary citizen of St. Andrews

By DOUG FERGUSON
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DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Jack Nicklaus is returning to St. Andrews to become an honorary citizen.

Nicklaus won two of his three British Open titles at St. Andrews, and he chose the Old Course in 2005 to play his final major championship.

He already has received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of St. Andrews, and now he joins truly exclusive company. The only other Americans to be awarded honorary citizenship in St. Andrews are Bobby Jones in 1958 and Benjamin Franklin in 1759.

The honor for Nicklaus was

conferred by the Royal Burgh of St. Andrews Community Council, which is the equivalent of the "Freedom of the City" honor given to Jones.

Nicklaus retired from competitive golf with that final appearance at St. Andrews, his 164th major. He won a record 18 of them, including three at golf's oldest championship. He missed the cut but finished with a birdie as thousands crammed into balconies and peered through windows from hotels overlooking the Old Course.

Nicklaus said he left with great memories in 2005 and had no plans to return. "And then they wrote and asked me if I would accept

being an honorary citizen," Nicklaus said at the Memorial.

"I couldn't turn that down. There's no way in the world I could turn that down, not with Bobby Jones and Benjamin Franklin the only other two Americans who have done it. So, I'm going back."

The ceremony will be on Tuesday, July 12. Nicklaus said he would not be taking part in the "Champions Challenge" on Monday of Open week, which brings together past champions for a four-hole exhibition on the first, second, 17th and 18th holes of the Old Course.

"I'm not going to play any golf," Nicklaus said. "I'm



Billy Horschel, right, poses with Jack Nicklaus after winning the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Dublin, Ohio.

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not even going to take my clubs."

St. Andrews also will confer honorary doctorate de-

grees to golf greats Lee Trevino, Sandy Lyle, Jose Maria Olazabal, Bob Charles and Catriona Matthew. □

Analysis: Whatever Nadal's future holds, his legacy's secure

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal's status for Wimbledon is in doubt because of a chronic problem with his left foot — as is his future in tennis. What's secure, no matter what happens now, is his legacy.

Nadal got through the French Open, he explained after a dominating 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 victory over Casper Ruud in Sunday's final earned a 14th championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall, thanks to the help of a series of numbing injections in his foot.

That, he says, was a one-time deal.

"I don't want to put myself in that position again," Nadal said after becoming, at age 36, the oldest champion in the history of a clay-court tournament that was first held in 1925. "Can happen once. But no, it's not a philosophy of life that I want to follow."

And he allowed a little insight into what does make him tick.

It's not, he said, as he's said before, an all-consuming desire to finish with more major trophies than the other members of the so-called Big Three of men's tennis, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. (Nadal currently stands two ahead of his rivals, who both are at



Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the trophy after winning the final match against Norway's Casper Ruud in three sets, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0, at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Sunday, June 5, 2022.

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"It's not about being the best of the history. It's not about the records. It's about: I like what I do. I like to play tennis. And I like the competition," Nadal said.

"What drives me to keep going is the passion for the game, to live moments that stay inside me forever," he added, "and play in front of the best crowds in the world and the best stadiums."

So while he wants to be able to keep going, and would appreciate the chance to play at the All

England Club, where the grass-court Slam he has won twice begins three weeks from Monday, he'll only do so if his body permits.

Nadal, who brought a doctor with him to Paris, is going to spend the next week trying new treatments, hoping to find a way to ease the pain in his foot.

If that doesn't work, he will need to contemplate having surgery.

"Of course, my tennis career has been a priority during all of my life, but never has been a priority over my

happiness (in) life. So things are going to keep going that way," he said. "If I am still able to be happy playing tennis with the things that I have, I'm going to keep going. If I am not able, I'm going to do other stuff."

Either way, Nadal's place in the history of tennis — and, indeed, the history of sports — is solidified.

Because of all of the way he has lorded over the French Open and red clay, yes. And, sure, because of the career Grand Slam he owns and, for now at least,

the lead in the men's major trophy count. Don't forget the Olympic medals and the time spent at No. 1 in the rankings, either.

But it's not just all of the numbers. There's also this: Nadal never seems to take a point off, never seems to let an on-court situation daunt him, never gives in or gives up.

"He stepped up, and he showed that when he needs to, he plays great," said Ruud, who appeared to be every bit as overwhelmed by the situation and setting as by his opponent.

"He's a player I have watched on TV for the last 16, 17 years. So to be there myself and face him, it's a bit of a challenge, as well, but a very enjoyable one," Ruud said after his debut in a Grand Slam final at age 23. "Yeah, of course, I wish I could make the match closer and all these things, but at the end of the day, I can hopefully one day tell my grandkids that I played Rafa on Chatrier in the final, and they will probably say, 'Wow, did you?'"

Whatever might come next for Nadal, he needs to figure out what's best for him, his foot, his happiness.

If he decides there's no fix for the pain that wouldn't come at too great a cost, he'll move on. His imprint on the sport will remain. □



Houston Texans coach Romeo Crennel talks during the first half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Dec. 27, 2020, in Houston.

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HOUSTON (AP) — Romeo Crennel announced his re-

Romeo Crennel retires after almost 40 years as NFL coach

tirement Monday, ending a 39-year NFL coaching career highlighted by five Super Bowl titles.

Crennel, spent the past eight seasons with the Houston Texans. He was the team's defensive coordinator from 2014-16 and assistant head coach from 2017-19. In 2020 he was the associate head coach before becoming the interim head coach following coach Bill O'Brien firing after just four games.

Crennel, who will turn 75 on June 18, worked as Houston's senior adviser for foot-

ball performance last season.

"Football has been my entire life and it's been a dream come true to coach for 50 years," Crennel said in a statement. "I'll miss everything about coaching and teaching, but the thing I'll miss the most is being around the guys every day. My goal was to put every player and coach in the best position to succeed and I consider every guy I coached or worked with a part of my family."

Crennel reached the playoffs 17 times in his career,

winning 13 division titles, six conference crowns and winning two Super Bowls with the Giants and three with the Patriots.

"Romeo poured everything he had into his players and led his teams with hard work, diligence and integrity. He has impacted and influenced so many players, coaches and staff members over the last five decades and we're honored he spent the last eight seasons with us. Our organization is better because of Romeo Crennel in so many ways." □